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**Press Release**

**CBSE organises "Say No to Drugs and Yes to Life" campaign to combat substance abuse in collaboration with Narcotics Control Bureau**

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), in collaboration with the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), successfully organised "Say No to Drugs and Yes to Life" campaign at Modern School, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi on 28.08.2024. This program facilitated by Modern School, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi, marked a crucial initiative aimed at educating the students and community in general about the serious dangers associated with drug abuse while promoting a healthier, drug-free lifestyle.

The program was graced by Sh. Himanshu Gupta, Secretary, CBSE, Sh. Neeraj Kumar Gupta, Deputy Director General, Narcotics Control Bureau, Sh N. Mrinal, Additional Director, NCB, Ms. Vibha Khosla, Principal, Modern School, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi and other senior dignitaries, who highlighted the importance of combating substance abuse. The program was held both offline and via live streaming on the CBSE YouTube channel, ensuring widespread participation of more than 7000 students, parents and teaching fraternity taken together. Attendees were engaged in informative presentations and interactive sessions that covered the causes, effects, and prevention strategies regarding drug abuse. Queries of the attendees were resolved through Interactive question-and-answer session about how supportive environments can be created for young students, empowering them to resist peer pressure and make correct choices for a healthier life.

The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, enacted in 1985, is India's main legal framework for combating drug abuse and illegal trafficking. It imposes strict penalties, including life imprisonment or the death penalty for severe offenses involving large quantities of drugs. Additionally, the Act promotes the treatment and rehabilitation of drug-dependent individuals. The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) enforces the Act, coordinating with various agencies, and classifies penalties based on the quantities involved—small, intermediate, and commercial. Special provisions also allow for the forfeiture of properties linked to drug trafficking, while the PITNDPS includes stringent measures for detaining individuals to prevent illicit drug trade. The penalties vary vis a vis offences covered under various sections of this Act.

CBSE is also planning to do MoU with NCB in promoting awareness of Drugs Abuse in all the CBSE affiliated schools.

This campaign collectively attempts to create awareness towards a safer drug-free environment for the youth.

**Secretary, CBSE**



Program Highlights





Students listened to the distinguished speakers with rapt attention

Ms. Vibha Khosla, Principal,  
Modern School, Vasant Vihar,  
New Delhi inspiring the students

